

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND  
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO et  
al.

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

PROMESA  
Title III

No. 17 BK 3283-LTS

(Jointly Administered)

In re:

THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND  
MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,

as representative of

PUERTO RICO ELECTRIC POWER  
AUTHORITY,

Debtor.

PROMESA  
Title III

No. 17 BK 4780-LTS

<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the "Commonwealth") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3283-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17-BK-4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747); and (vi) Puerto Rico Public Buildings Authority ("PBA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 19-BK-5523-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3801) (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations).

**ORDER AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF  
LONDON ECONOMICS INTERNATIONAL LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR,  
EFFECTIVE AS OF APRIL 26, 2022, IN PREPA'S TITLE III CASE**

Upon consideration of the *Urgent Application of Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors' for Entry of Order Authorizing Employment and Retention of London Economics International LLC as Financial Advisor, Effective as of April 26, 2022, in PREPA's Title III Case* (Docket Entry No. 20623 in Case No. 17-3283 and Docket Entry No. 2788 in Case No. 17-4780, the “Motion”)<sup>2</sup> of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (the “Committee”) appointed in the above-captioned cases for an order pursuant to section 1103(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, made applicable to these cases by section 301 of the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act of 2016 or “PROMESA,” Bankruptcy Rule 2014, and Local Rule 2014-1(e) authorizing the retention and employment of London Economics International LLC (“LEI”), effective as of April 26, 2022, as financial advisor to the Committee; and upon the Frayer Declaration in support thereof; the Court hereby FINDS AND DETERMINES that (i) the Court has jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to PROMESA section 306(a); (ii) venue is proper before this Court pursuant to PROMESA section 307(a); (iii) due and proper notice of the Motion has been provided under the particular circumstances and no other or further notice need be provided; (iv) based on the representations made in the Motion and the Frayer Declaration, LEI represents no interest that is adverse to the Committee with respect to the matters on which LEI is to be engaged; that LEI is a disinterested person as that term is defined under section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code made applicable pursuant to section 301(a) of PROMESA; (v) the terms of the

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<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

engagement pursuant to the Engagement Letter and as modified herein, are reasonable and appropriate; and (vi) LEI's employment is necessary and in the best interests of the Committee and its members; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted and approved.

2. In accordance with section 1103(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, made applicable to the Title III Case pursuant to section 301(a) of PROMESA, the Committee is authorized to employ and retain LEI as its financial advisor on the terms set forth in the Motion, the Frayer Declaration, and the Engagement Letter, effective as of April 26, 2022. LEI will charge its regular hourly rates in effect from time to time, as such rates may be increased periodically, annually or otherwise.

3. LEI is authorized to provide services to the Committee, including the following:

- a. analyzing reports, data, and analyses relating to PREPA's debt burden and its sustainability;
- b. analyzing PREPA's budget, assets and liabilities, and overall financial condition;
- c. reviewing financial and operational information furnished by PREPA to the Committee;
- d. analyzing PREPA's proposed business plan and developing alternative scenarios, if necessary;
- e. assisting the Committee in reviewing PREPA's financial reports;
- f. advising the Committee in the Mediation with the Mediation Team and the Mediation Parties as necessary;
- g. if necessary, preparing expert reports and participating as a witness in hearings before the Court with respect to matters upon which LEI has provided advice; and

h. other activities as are approved by the Committee, the Committee's counsel, and as agreed to by LEI.

4. LEI shall use its reasonable efforts to avoid duplication of services provided to any of the Committee's other retained professionals in these Title III cases.

5. LEI shall be entitled to allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses, upon the filing and approval of interim and final applications pursuant to PROMESA sections 316 and 317, the applicable Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and such orders as the Court may direct.

6. This Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry, and the Committee is authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Motion.

7. To the extent the Motion, the Frayer Declaration, or the Engagement Letter is inconsistent with this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.

8. Prior to applying any increases in its hourly rates beyond the rates set forth in the Motion, LEI shall provide twenty-one (21) days' notice of any such increases to PREPA and the United States Trustee, and shall file such notice with the Court. The U.S. Trustee, the Fee Examiner, and all parties-in-interest retain all rights to object to any rate increase.

9. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed to be good and sufficient notice of such Motion, and the requirements of the Local Rules are satisfied by the contents of the Motion.

10. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or relating to the interpretation or implementation of this Order.

11. This Order resolves Docket Entry No. 20623 in Case No. 17-3283 and Docket Entry No. 2788 in Case No. 17-4780.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 9, 2022

/s/ Laura Taylor Swain  
LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN  
United States District Judge